

~~Top Secret~~**YUGOSLAVIA: Croatians Losing Control**

The federal Presidency convened again yesterday at the Army's request after anti-Army disturbances in Croatia spread. Defense Minister Kadijevic, saying the country is in a state of civil war, placed the military on increased alert after Croat demonstrators killed a soldier in Split—the first military death in the current crisis. He ordered the Army to use lethal force if attacked again. Croatian civilians continue trying to block deployment of federal units, and many are openly carrying automatic weapons despite Croatian President Tudjman's appeal to the public to avoid conflict with the Army.

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